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U.S. 6 bridge repairs west of Colona begin April 19

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that deck repairs on the bridge carrying U.S. 6 over the BNSF Railroad and Briar Bluff Road west of Colona will begin on Monday, April 19, 2021, weather permitting. The bridge is located 2 miles west of Interstate 80.

Civil Constructors Inc. of East Moline is the contractor for the \$853,036 project, which is funded under Gov. JB Pritzker's bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan. Work, which will be performed in stages throughout the project, will replace bridge expansion joints and install a concrete deck overlay. Drivers should be prepared to stop near the work zone as one lane of traffic will be maintained and controlled with signals and a barrier wall.

Access to Briar Bluff Road from U.S. 6 will be closed for the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed by mid-July.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers should pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

The Rebuild Illinois capital program is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck under Rebuild Illinois. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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